

Final Minutes CSAC – September 20th, 2021 @ 3:00PM – Virtual Meeting

I. Call to Order – Time: 3:00PM

Members Present (Voting, Appointed)

- Chair Bob Dennison
- Vice Chair John Grossbohlín
- Claudette Ford
- Brian Slack

City Staff Present (Non-Voting, Support)

- Greg Krupp
- Kristen Wilson
- Emily Flynn

Public Present

- Tanya Garment
- Ernestina
- Darin Seim
- Henry Lowengard

II. Welcome Guests and Public Comment

a. Tanya Garment

- i. Speaking on the fatality at E Saint James St
- ii. Concerns regarding temporary cyclist accommodations while Broadway bike lane is closed.
- iii. Concerns about the pedestrian crosswalks in the roundabout.
- iv. Asking CSAC to ask Common Council and Engineering Dept to look at the intersection safety at the Roundabout using NACTO guidelines.

b. Henry Lowengard

- i. Resident of Wall St, cyclist.
- ii. Concerns regarding incomplete striping at crosswalks along Broadway.

- iii. Call for more education around bicycle infrastructure.

III. Review and Approval of May 2021 minutes

- a. Motion by John G, Second by Claudette F
- b. 5 yes, 0 no

IV. Old Business

- a. eScooter and eBike Legislation

- i. Bob D

- 1. Propose a note to the Mayor stating CSAC's endorsement of pilot a shared eBike or eScooter system in the City.
 - 2. Develop draft legislation after the Mayor's blessing permitting a shared eBike and eScooters system with docked parking as well as legislation allowing them on our trails and parks.
 - 3. Pilot program could iron out some of the issues that may arise.
 - 4. Purposed of the ordinance should be first mile/last mile transportation, not solely tourist accommodation.

- ii. John G

- 1. Takes issue with the time of day restrictions noted in the draft ordinance. If this is for first mile/last mile, time should not be limited.
 - 2. Problem with fleet size limitations, which seem to discouraging companies from starting a shared system.
 - 3. In favor of docked parking.
 - 4. In favor of expanding ebike use to trails and parks.

- iii. Claudette F

1. Posed the question: What do we want out of this program? Is this for tourists or micromobility or both?
2. eBike and eScooters should be able to use EST and Greenline, so in favor of expanding use to trails and parks.
3. In favor of a docked parking system.
4. Noted that this system is still not a micromobility solution for Kingston's handicapped population.

iv. Brian Slack

1. Brought up the questions of legality of eBikes and eScooters on trails and parks. The state law prohibits this use, and Kingston would have to pass an ordinance allowing it.
2. If we want to promote mobility, eBikes and eScooters should be allowed on bike trails.
3. Docked parking
4. First mile/last mile connections should be the goal of the program.

b. Traffic Safety Campaign – Kristen Wilson update

i. Kristen

1. Mayor sent a letter to Council to request funding the previously denied traffic safety campaign.
2. In the meantime, City staff is making an effort to communicate regarding the new traffic patterns.

- ii. Brian – UCTC does have \$5000 to support public outreach for transportation safety and will explore options on how to effectively spend it.

- iii. John – Is there an opportunity to engage public school system? Bicycle safety training for children and adolescents could go a long way and influence parents as well.
- c. Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan – Emily Flynn update
 - i. Emily is currently forming Project Advisory Committee for PBMP.
 - ii. Consultant Barton & Loguidice is under contract.
 - iii. Developing public outreach plan, and project is on EngageKingston.com with a preliminary survey.
- d. Sidewalk Improvement District
 - i. Kristen is resigning from her position at the City and needs to hand off stewarding the district to the referendum process.
 - 1. Recommend someone from the CSAC meet up with the Mayor and Corp Counsel to create such a “road map.”
 - ii. Claudette – ADA transition plan is integral to the district.
 - 1. City needs to understand the cost of the program vs cost of liability (trip and fall settlements).
 - iii. Bob – The district could be an outcome of the PBMP.
 - 1. Draft a note to the Mayor about the district and CSAC’s willingness to take it up again.
 - iv. Brian – This should be viewed as a choice between passing the referendum and fixing the sidewalks through a district OR enforcing the laws on the books and start fining property owners for noncompliance with ADA.
- e. Hurley Ave – Parking in bike lane
 - i. John G
 - 1. Chronic problem along Hurley Ave

2. No parking signs or striping needed.
 3. Bike lane alignment near Washington Ave is troublesome with parking spots on the outside of the bike lane.
- ii. Bob D – This is a parking/police enforcement issue as well as a signage issue.
- f. Project updates.
- i. Broadway Streetscape – Nearing substantial completion, with striping to be completed by end of September. Some supply chain issues delaying the final signal work for both motor vehicle and bicycle traffic. Bike lane will remain closed until all signs and signals are installed.
 - ii. I-587 Roundabout – At substantial completion. Missing 4 RRFB's for 2 crosswalks at the I-587 entrance/exit. RRFB installed at the E Saint James St. crossing.
 - iii. Broadway Grand Intersection – In second phase of realignment, with work occurring on Grand St. Prince St open to traffic. Supply chain issues also affecting the timeline for signal work.
 - iv. Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Substantially complete, with supply chain issues delaying RRFB and final signal work.
 - v. Henry Street Safe Routes to School – On timeline to bid in winter, construction in Spring 2022.
 - vi. Franklin Complete Streets – On timeline to bid in winter, construction in Spring 2022. Public meeting scheduled for October 6th (5-7pm at Hodge Center).
 - vii. DRI – Uptown Transportation Improvements – On timeline to bid in winter, construction in Spring 2022.

V. New Business

- a. Transportation Grants Update
 - i. City is not submitting for TAP grant this year.
 - ii. RAISE grant submitted 2 months ago for \$20M for waterfront.

- iii. CFAs – Kingston Point Rail Trail Phase 2 submitted along with others.
- b. Maintenance on EST – Boulevard (Rte 32)
 - i. John G – brush encroachments and debris on sidewalks/shoulders.
 - ii. DPW responsibility at this point.
- c. Thomas St Striping Plan – EST
 - i. John G – concerns with contraflow bicycle infrastructure
 - ii. Check back on Midtown Parking Lots design and how cyclist traffic flows through Thomas.
- d. New Members
 - i. 2 vacancies
 - ii. 1 application.

VI. Announcements/Communication /Events /Updates

- a. Communication – Councilmember reached out to Bob Dennison regarding concerns with speeding in the City.
- b. Franklin St Complete Streets - Open House on Oct 6th 5-7pm at Hodge
- c. Flatbush Foxhall public comment period closed. Update on the feedback forthcoming.
- d. Brian S. – Section 12-34A “if a bike lane is provided, it must be used by cyclist” – Questions about applicability and plan for enforcement in the City.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Claudette , Second by Brian
- b. Time: 4:30PM